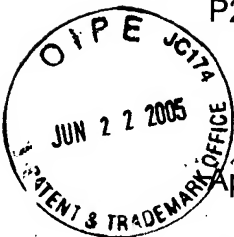


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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and the document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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